

# The Providence Report

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## **Tax Relief Workshops for Seniors and People with Disabilities**

The Providence District Supervisor's office is hosting free tax relief workshops, by appointment, for older adults and people with disabilities who may be eligible to receive real estate tax relief from Fairfax County. The workshops consist of **½ hour appointments between the hours of 10:00 am – 2:00 pm on Wednesday, March 13 and Friday, March 15 at the Providence District Office, 8739 Lee Highway.** If you meet the qualifications below and wish to schedule an appointment, please call 703-560-6946, TTY 711.

Fairfax County provides real estate tax relief and car tax relief to citizens who are either 65 or older, or permanently and totally disabled, and meet the income and asset eligibility requirements. Returning applicants must file between January 1 and April 1. (Some exceptions may be available if applications are filed late due to a hardship which prevented the application from being filed in time. Detailed requests for hardship waivers must be submitted in writing to the Department of Tax Administration.) Forgot to apply for 2012? Applications are still being accepted based on hardship and for first-time filers through December 31, 2013. For eligibility requirements, refer to Tax Relief - Frequently Asked Questions at [http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dta/taxrelief\\_faq.htm](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dta/taxrelief_faq.htm). For an application, call 703-222-8234 or Español 703-324-3855, between 8:00 am and 4:30 pm weekdays; email at [taxrelief@fairfaxcounty.gov](mailto:taxrelief@fairfaxcounty.gov), or download the tax relief application from this website at [http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dta/pdf\\_files/2013\\_tax\\_relief\\_application.pdf](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dta/pdf_files/2013_tax_relief_application.pdf). Those with hearing impairments may call TTY: 703-222-7594.

## **A Message from Supervisor Smyth**

With spring and its many community projects just around the corner, I would like to take a moment to thank all our volunteers throughout Providence. In the pages of this newsletter we have a sampling of the services that volunteers are providing in our district. From parks and libraries to schools, public safety, and human services, volunteers are giving countless hours to improve our community as well as their own neighborhoods. During these challenging economic times, their help has been invaluable. Anyone looking for ways to participate in volunteer activities can always contact my office or check out the listings in this newsletter and online at [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/volunteering/](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/volunteering/).

While the county has seen some stabilization in our financial forecasts in the past few years, current fiscal discussions at the federal level are cause for concern. The possibility of major cuts to federal contractors could have an impact on Fairfax. Our county budget for Fiscal Year 2014 must take this uncertainty into account and prepare for anticipated reductions. As always, we welcome public participation in our budget process. This year in conjunction with the Providence District Council and Patty Reed, our Providence School Board member, I will host a **community budget meeting at 7:15 pm on March 6**. The event will be held in room 111 at the Dunn Loring Administrative Center, 2334 Gallows Road, Dunn Loring. Please plan on joining us to talk about these important financial issues.

**~Linda Smyth**

**Association Updates:** Many homeowner associations are now opting to have one email address for their associations that remains the same when their officers change. If you have this type of email, please send it to our office so that we can send your association information on matters of importance to Providence residents. If you prefer these notices go to the association's named officer, please provide us with updated officer's name and contact information, to include email address, so we can make sure your association receives important notices. In either case, please send the information to [provdist@fairfaxcounty.gov](mailto:provdist@fairfaxcounty.gov).

## FRIENDS OF OAKTON LIBRARY 2013 USED BOOK SALES

### SPRING

Thursday, March 14<sup>th</sup> 1:00 pm – 8 pm.

Friday, March 15<sup>th</sup> 10:00 am.– 6:00 pm.

Saturday, March 16<sup>th</sup> 10:00 am – 3:00 pm.

### FALL

Thursday, September 19<sup>th</sup> 1:00 pm – 8:00 pm.

Friday, September 20<sup>th</sup> 10:00 am – 6:00 pm.

Saturday, September 21<sup>st</sup> 10:00 am – 3:00 pm.

### **Oakton Library News:**

The Oakton Library has many exciting new events coming up. The focus this year is on enhancing programs and services for seniors and preschoolers, in addition to extensive outreach efforts.

Customers will notice many new offerings on the website: [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/library/events](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/library/events). There you can search by branch, date range, type of program, age, etc., as well as learn which activities require registration.

### **New for Seniors:**

Brain Games Intergenerational: February 14, March 4, and April 22, 3:30 to 5:00 pm. Ages 6 to 106 will play games that make you think. Bring a friend, learn a new game, or play one of your favorites.

Civil War Years at Flint Hill, Oakton: February 19, 10:30 am. Guest speaker with morning refreshments.

Tips on Buying a TV: March 5, 1:30 pm. Learn about new terminology and features before you go shopping. Guest speaker.

### **New for Preschoolers:**

Storytime Sampler: Every Saturday morning at 10:30 am. This tiny taste of what happens in a library storytime will motivate you to register for one that is just right for your child.

Kidnesthetics: March 2 at 3:00 pm, and March 19 at 10:30 am. Ages 4-6. This new program is designed to give children the confidence and motivation to begin reading or to jump to the next level.

### **FREE eBooks:**

Click on **eBooks** on the library's web site ([www.fairfaxcounty.gov/library](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/library)) to get started. Plenty of help screens and a tutorial video make it easy.

Still need help? The Oakton Library offers device specific handouts and walk-in assistance every Thursday night at 7:30 pm in the lobby.

## **Free Tax Preparation for Qualified Residents**

If you worked in 2012 and your adjusted gross income was less than \$51,000 you may qualify for free in-person tax preparation assistance. Or, if you worked in 2012, your adjusted gross income was less than \$57,000 and you are comfortable using a self-prepared tax filing tool, you may file your taxes at no charge using One Economy's online Tax Tool at [www.myfreetaxes.com/metrodc](http://www.myfreetaxes.com/metrodc). With the help of dedicated volunteers, this service helped low-income families through Northern Virginia receive over \$7 million in federal refunds last tax season.

The deadline for filing your federal taxes this year is Monday, April 15, 2013. To find a list of locations and hours as well as a list of the items you must bring, please go to [http://nvacash.org/vita/?pagename=free tax preparation](http://nvacash.org/vita/?pagename=free%20tax%20preparation).

## **2013 Native Tree & Shrub Seedling Sale**

The Northern Virginia Soil and Water Conservation District has begun its annual seedling sale to provide an inexpensive source of seedlings for Fairfax County residents. This year's selection of plants provide year-round screening. Two packages are available – choose 10 bare-root shrubs & small trees for \$15.95 or 6 bare-root trees for \$10.95. A full, nonrefundable payment must accompany your order by **Monday, April 22, 2013**, or until supplies run out. You will receive a confirmation receipt and a map to the pickup site (in Fairfax County). Orders may be picked up on **Friday, April 26, 9:00 am to 4:00 pm, or Saturday, April 27, 9:00 am to noon.**

For information on ordering and to see images and scientific names for this year's plants, visit [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/nvswcd/seedlingsale.htm](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/nvswcd/seedlingsale.htm).



## **FAIRFAX COUNTY'S CELEBRATION OF EARTH DAY AND ARBOR DAY!**

Saturday, April 27, 2013 from 10 am to 4 pm, at the Workhouse Arts Center 9601 Ox Road Lorton, Virginia.

For more information please contact: Jen Cole, Clean Fairfax Council, at [jen@cleanfairfax.org](mailto:jen@cleanfairfax.org) (703-324-5471) or visit [www.springfestfairfax.org](http://www.springfestfairfax.org).

## Washington Gas Main Replacement Project

In 2010, the General Assembly supported a Washington Gas comprehensive main and service replacement program called VA SAVE (Steps to Advance Virginia's Energy Plan) which allows for more timely upgrades to eligible utility infrastructure. There is no fee to you for this system upgrade. You may receive a letter from Washington Gas should your area be involved advising that Washington Gas will begin construction to replace natural gas main and service lines in your neighborhood. The letter will provide information as to timeframe and whether you need to be home during the work, particularly if your meter set is inside. Washington Gas will make every effort to minimize disturbance in your neighborhood during this work, including road closures, and your property will be restored to as closely to as-found condition as possible. In some instances restoration will be temporary with permanent restoration shortly thereafter.



## New Playground at Oakton Community Park

Pictured from left to right (back row) are Park Authority Director John Dargle, Jr., Fairfax County Board of Supervisors Chairman Sharon Bulova, Providence District Supervisor Linda Smyth and Park Authority Board Member Ken Quincy, Providence District representative. The officials were joined by children anxious to be the first on the new playground apparatus. The playground was funded through developer proffer contributions.

## FY 2014 Community Budget Meeting Hosted by Supervisor Smyth, School Board Member Reed, and the Providence District Council

Providence District Supervisor Linda Smyth, School Board Member Patty Reed, and the Providence District Council will host a community meeting on the FY 2014 Budget on **Wednesday, March 6 at 7:15 pm in room 111 of the Dunn Loring Administrative Center, 2334 Gallows Road, Dunn Loring**. Providence District residents are encouraged to attend and learn about the challenges we continue to face in the midst of a multi-year, cyclical economic downturn. The combination of flat revenue growth and increasing requirements for services means that the county faces projected budget shortfalls in both FY 2014 and FY 2015. The demand for county services has also been impacted with more residents requiring assistance while options for helping them are becoming more limited. One primary means of addressing this budget gap is through service reductions. We are seeking to identify which potential reductions are acceptable and unacceptable to the community, and then determining if there are other means to balance the budget.

On November 27, 2012, the County Executive presented a county budget forecast for FY 2014-15 at a joint meeting of the Board of Supervisors and the School Board. A link to that presentation is at <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dmb/fy2014/fy14-15-county-budget-forecast.pdf>. The FY 2014 Advertised Budget process is as follows:

Tuesday, February 26, the County Executive will present the FY 2014 Advertised Budget  
Budget Hearings at Government Center Auditorium:  
Tuesday, April 9, 6:00 pm  
Wednesday, April 10, 3:00 pm  
Thursday, April 11, 3:00 pm  
Tuesday, April 23, Budget Markup  
Tuesday, April 30, Budget Adoption

## Community Housing and Good Neighbor Agreements

Several organizations within Fairfax County provide community housing options or group homes. These organizations recognize the importance of maintaining positive relationships with neighbors when they rent or purchase homes in neighborhoods. As such, they have developed a "Good Neighbor Agreement" to affirm their shared commitment and responsibility to uphold community values and standards in all of their residences. More information about the Good Neighborhood Agreement may be found at <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/csb/about/good-neighbor.htm>.



## NOTTOWAY NIGHTS CONCERT SERIES

THURSDAY EVENINGS at 7:30 pm

NOTTOWAY PARK - 9537 Courthouse Road, Vienna



Mark your summer calendar for the return of the FREE Nottoway Nights Concert Series at Nottoway Park! The program takes place on the lawn of the historic Hunter House. Supervisor Smyth thanks the Friends of Nottoway, the Park Authority and staff as well as the many sponsors who make these free concerts possible for residents to enjoy. If you or your organization would like to volunteer to help at Nottoway Nights, please call 703-560-6946, TTY 711.

### JUNE

- 20 Albare (Jazz)
- 27 Aztec Two-Step (Folk/Rock)

### JULY

- 11 Victor Provost (Steel Band)
- 18 The Justin Trawick Group (Rock)
- 25 Thrillbillies (Rockabilly)

### AUGUST

- 1 Mystic Warriors (Andean)
- 8 The Hula Monsters (Swing)
- 15 Seldom Scene (Tentative)
- 22 Cheryl Wheeler (Folk)
- 29 The United States Army Field Band  
"Jazz Ambassadors" (Dixieland)

Concerts are cancelled if it is raining. If there is a threat of bad weather, call 703-324-SHOW (7469) after 6:00 pm for cancellation updates. Concerts are held outdoors. Please bring your own blankets and lawn chairs. We invite you to enjoy these concerts with your family and friends. Please visit the website at [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/performance](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/performance) for updates and any other information.

## NOTTOWAY TO HOST FLEA MARKET THIS SPRING

A good flea market is a great find. On **Saturday, April 13, 2013 from 9 am until 1 pm** come to the Hunter House for a flea market sponsored by the Friends of Nottoway Park. Shoppers are welcome, and there is no charge. If you wish to be a vendor, please register early since spaces generally sell out at this popular venue. You can clean out that attic or garage, turn your trash into cash and fundraise for your favorite cause or organization. All vendor registration proceeds benefit programs in the parks. For more information call 703-437-1794 or email [barbara.ziman@fairfaxcounty.gov](mailto:barbara.ziman@fairfaxcounty.gov).



## EASTER EGG HUNT AT NOTTOWAY

The Fairfax County Park Authority and the Friends of Nottoway will host the annual Egg Hunt and a visit with the Easter Bunny on **Saturday, March 30, 2013**. Children ages one to nine will hunt for eggs, candies and toys and win door prizes. Tickets cost \$8 per child, with proceeds benefitting Nottoway Park improvements.

Walk-in registration (cash only) starts at 9:30 am at the picnic shelter. Egg Hunt times are: 10:30 am (1-2 yrs.), 11 am (3-4 yrs.), 11:30 am (5-6 yrs.) and 12 pm (7-9 yrs.). Bring your own basket. The event will be cancelled in case of rain. Please call 703-324-8566 after 8:30 am on the day of the event for a cancellation update.

Directions: Nottoway Park, 9537 Courthouse Rd, Vienna. Beltway Exit 49 (I-66) to exit at Route 234 or Nutley Street north, turn left on Courthouse Rd and the park entrance will be on the left.

## TAKE BACK THE FOREST

Dig in and get involved with native habitat restoration in the Nottoway woodlands. Help TAKE BACK THE FOREST; *remove* invasive plants and *replant* native species. Students and scouts earn community service and environmental project hours. Scout projects are welcome.

**Workdays:** *Saturdays* (9 am-noon)—March 2, March 16, April 6, April 27, May 4, May 18; *Wednesdays* (2-5 pm)—March 20, April 17, May 8, May 22. Nottoway Park, 9537 Courthouse Rd, Vienna.

## Volunteering is the Backbone of Fairfax

In addition to providing an improved quality of life for others, volunteering makes you feel good about yourself. At the same time, it has the added benefit of helping you retain or build on the skills you already possess, meet interesting people and have fun in the process. Fairfax provides many ways in which you may volunteer including a myriad of ways to help older adults, provide translation services, tax preparation assistance, or help in a library or park related activity. You may also want to consider serving on one of the county's many Boards, Authorities and Commissions. Volunteers are the backbone of the county providing invaluable service while limiting the cost to the taxpayer. Without volunteers, undoubtedly some of the services we have all come to rely upon may not be possible given the current budget constraints. To learn how you may lend your time and talents, please go to <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/volunteering/>.



On January 19<sup>th</sup> thousands of organizations across the country led Americans in the nation's largest day of service, the annual Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. National Day of Service, which coincided with the 57th Presidential Inauguration. Providence District residents participated in the January 19th National Day of Service/MLK Day of Service Projects with many varied projects such as beautification of parks and packing items and writing notes to send to our soldiers abroad.



## Nottoway Park Master Plan Revision

The Master Plan at Nottoway Park was amended and rather than add a second field, the existing rectangular field will be reoriented and enlarged to improve and increase playing capacity. This change was largely in response to community concerns over possible tree removal and impact on a popular trail. Other improvements include the future installation of synthetic turf and new lighting that will be less obtrusive to neighboring residences. Also, the diamond outfield (#3) will not be expanded and in response to public comment, a trail connection between two diamond fields (#1 and #6) will be added. This proposal was acted on by the Park Authority Board at its January 23 meeting. For more information see <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/plandev/nottoway.htm>.

## **Land Use Updates**

### **Tysons Corner Plan Implementation**

The new Comprehensive Plan for Tysons envisions up to 100,000 residents and 200,000 jobs by 2050. The plan has been designed to take advantage of the four new Metro stations coming to Tysons in 2013 with 75 percent of future growth occurring within a half mile of these new metro stations. For more details about the plan please visit the website at <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/tysons/>.

- The 2012 Report to Board of Supervisors on Tysons Corner is available for review. This report provides updates on the progress of implementing the vision for Tysons and covers activity related to Tysons from the Plan adoption in June, 2010 through September, 2012. See [http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/tysons/implementation/annual\\_report.htm](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/tysons/implementation/annual_report.htm).
- To review approved and pending Tysons rezoning applications please visit <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/tysons/development/>.
- Late in 2012 the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors approved the Cityline Partners Arbor Row mixed use redevelopment project. With approval Cityline will dedicate to the county an eight-acre site that fronts Jones Branch Drive for an elementary school and athletic fields. As part of the agreement, Cityline will build a permanent full-size and temporary half-size athletic field with lights and synthetic turf on the eight-acre site by June, 2015.

### **Tysons Transportation Service District**

A newly established service district for Tysons is expected to generate \$253 million, or about 8% of the total \$3.1 billion needed for new roads and public transit in Tysons. The district covers approximately 6,000 commercial and residential property owners in Tysons. The rate will be set as part of the next county budget and payment will be based on assessed property values for properties within the district. To learn more about the Tysons Service District please go to: <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/news/2013/board-creates-tysons-service-district.htm>.

Delegate Mark Keam had submitted a bill in the General Assembly to address the existing state law that both business and residential properties must be taxed as part of a service district, but that bill was tabled and sent to the Housing Commission for further review until the General Assembly meets next year.

### **Vienna/Fairfax Metro Updates**

Pulte, the primary developer of the MetroWest development project has constructed the proffered improvements to Saintsbury Drive and the Metro Station. Vienna Metro Station customers have 12 new bus bays and shelters with a continuous canopy to the station entrance, expanded roadway capacity, new traffic signals and improved pedestrian and bicycle paths.

Construction of a new county community center has been delayed. It is hoped that construction will start later this year. It will be located just south of the Vienna/Fairfax Metro Station off of Vaden Drive and immediately west of the MetroWest project. The new Fairfax County Community Center is a proffered improvement approved with the MetroWest development. It will include a full gym with associated facilities, meeting space and other recreational facilities in addition to a new Providence District Supervisor's Office.



## **Land Use Continued**

### **Merrifield Updates**

To everyone's relief multiple new public road improvements have been completed in Merrifield.

- Edens has realigned, extended and upgraded Eskridge Road to connect to Lee Highway to form a new intersection with Merrilee Drive.
- The County has completed the connection of Eskridge Road south to Williams Drive (and Route 50). This crucial comprehensive planned road connection allows direct access to the Dunn Loring Metro Station without having to use Gallows Road or Prosperity Avenue.
- The Gallows /Lee Highway intersection is finished along with the finalization of the 495 Express Lanes project.
- Inova Fairfax Hospital is completing road improvements that create a new north - south spine road providing a connection from Woodburn Road to Willow Oaks to Williams Drive and Route 50. These road improvements west of and parallel to Gallows Road provide a direct connection to the afore described improvements.

The developers of three approved mixed use projects and a new residential high rise building in Merrifield are all under construction:

- Mill Creek Residential, developer of the Dunn Loring Metro Station is constructing the first phase of a new WMATA parking garage scheduled to open this spring. The construction of the first of two new residential buildings has started. Leasing of the first building with 250 units will start in June. This residential project will include 628 units, a Harris-Teeter grocery store and ground floor retail space. When completed the station will include a new 2,000 WMATA parking garage, bus bays, and kiss and ride facilities.
- DFS Group, the developer of Halstead Square mixed use project located just south of the Dunn Loring/Merrifield Metro Station, has finished construction of 436 luxury mid-rise apartments. New ground floor retail, service and restaurants are opening.
- Hitt Construction is completing construction of a 327 unit high rise apartment building on the site of their previous headquarters at 2704 Dorr Ave., adjacent to Prosperity Ave. and easy walking distance to the Dunn Loring-Merrifield Metro Station.
- Edens, the developer of Mosaic at Merrifield, has opened the first phase of the development fronting Lee Highway including an urban Target store, hotel, grocery store and additional ground floor retail, restaurant space, a new movie theater and a one acre urban park. Subsequent phases under construction will include more retail, restaurant space and multifamily residential buildings and townhomes under construction by EYA, Avalon Mosaic and Mill Creek.

To review the status of other pending zoning applications in Providence, utilize the following link: <http://ldsnet.fairfaxcounty.gov/ldsnet/>. Residents can also review pending applications using an interactive map <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dpz/staffreports/activecasesmap/>.

### **Fairfax County Child Care Update**

A change in the state licensing application form has caused confusion and misunderstanding among providers and parents. The county is working to ensure state-licensed day care providers understand the changes and have adequate time to come into compliance without disrupting service. A pending change to the county Zoning Ordinance is being considered and a public hearing is tentatively scheduled before the Planning Commission on March 20, 2013 at 8:15 pm and before the Board of Supervisors on May 14, 2013 at 4:30 pm. A copy of the staff report for the Proposed Zoning Ordinance Amendment: Home Child Care Facilities can be reviewed using the following link: <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dpz/zoningordiance/proposed/homechildcarefacilities.pdf>.

**If you have any land use questions please contact my aide, Michael Wing, at 703-560-6946.**

# Transportation Matters

## Dulles Rail Update

As of January 2013, the Dulles Corridor Metrorail Project is marching toward a summer 2013 completion. With the installation of pedestrian bridges at all five stations, construction reached the 87 percent mark. Once the construction of Phase 1 has been completed, the Metropolitan Washington Airports Authority (MWAA) will turn the project over to the Metropolitan Washington Area Transit Authority (WMATA) for additional testing prior to them scheduling the opening date.

One of the highlights ending in late 2012 was the running of a clearance car, an outfitted vehicle with feelers extending all around it, mimicking the area that a Metrorail car would be expected to use during the normal operations. The car's purpose is to check for any obstructions that might be in its path.

The car's trips along the tracks from East Falls Church to the Wiehle-Reston East stations were the first visible testing of the new line that will take place over the next nine months for Phase 1 of the Silver Line.

Another major milestone took place January 30, 2013 with the third rail in the first of many sections being energized. The following sections will be energized through the months of February and March. Initial energization will allow the project to begin testing the electrical systems of the Silver line.

The Phase 2 portion of the Dulles Corridor Metrorail Project is currently in the bidding process with all of the selected design-build contractors meeting with project executives to answer all questions before the Request for Proposals are due in April 2013. The design-build contractor will be selected May 2013.



**Bike to Work Day** will take place May 17<sup>th</sup>, 2013 with pit stops all over DC, Maryland and Virginia that offer food, fun and prizes. There will be 3 pit stop locations in the Providence District: Tysons Corner Center, open 6:30 am to 10:00 am; Sandburg Street and the W&OD trail off Idlywood, open from 6:30am to 8:30am; and a new stop at Merrifield-Mosaic District in front of Strawberry Park and the Angelika Theatre, open from 6:30am to 9:00am. To find more information or to register for the event, please visit <http://www.biketoworkmetrodc.org/>.



## Metro Track Work Schedule

Metro has provided a weekend track work calendar detailing major rebuilding and construction projects that temporarily close individual stations or groups of stations and replace trains with free shuttle buses through June 30, 2013. Please use the link at <http://www.wmata.com/rail/trackwork.cfm> as a travel planning tool.

## Potholes

With springtime arriving soon, the warmer weather can result in potholes. Ice from winter months creates an expansion of the pavement. When warmer temperatures arrive and melt the ice, the roadway is weakened. If you see a pothole on a public road and wish to report it, contact VDOT by using their online work request at <http://www.virginiadot.org/travel/citizen.asp> or by phone at 1-800-FOR-ROAD.





## Fairfax County License Plates

Fairfax County is once again attempting to garner interest in a license plate of our own. The DMV requires that at least 350 people pay the \$25.00 fee up front for the specialized plate. When it was tried in 1999, it fell short. The application fee was returned and the idea abandoned. Supervisor Smyth was among those who applied and was very disappointed when she had her application form and fee returned. Now a design featuring the county's seal and Visit Fairfax's website, <http://www.fxva.com>, is in the works and its availability is going to be advertised more widely and by more organizations. Visit Fairfax has agreed to collect the order forms and money. If enough interest is generated, the proceeds from the sale will support the World Police and Fire Games, which Fairfax is hosting in 2015. Additional information regarding the design of the license plate and the process for submitting an application will be available in the near future at [www.fxva.com/plates/](http://www.fxva.com/plates/) or by calling our office.

## Ambulance Services

Fairfax County is committed to a "service first" philosophy and strives to provide the finest emergency medical services possible. Beginning in 2005, Fairfax County began billing for emergency transport, which is covered by private insurance, Medicare or Medicaid. Should you not have insurance and the fee presents a financial hardship, you may request an ambulance fee waiver. For additional information including a fee waiver form, please go to [http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/fr/ems\\_billing](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/fr/ems_billing). Should you need assistance regarding a billing for ambulance services provided, please contact the County's billing service at 1-877-874-4425. Should you still have concerns, please contact [EMSTransportBilling@fairfaxcounty.gov](mailto:EMSTransportBilling@fairfaxcounty.gov) or call 703-246-2266.

## Document Shredding Event in Providence

**Saturday, July 20, 8:00 am – noon**  
**Oak Marr Rec Center, 3200 Jermantown Road, Oakton**

Since the new location at the Oak Marr Recreation Center worked well last year, we're repeating that location again this year. On July 20, from 8:00 am – noon, residents may bring up to 5 medium size packing boxes per vehicle of residential documents of a sensitive nature to be shredded. Please go to <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dpwes/recycling/shredding.htm> for a list of prohibited items, procedures for the event and other 2013 shredding events in the county.



## **Don't Throw Away: Donate, Recycle and Reuse**

Have you ever wondered what happens to your recyclables after they are picked up?

Follow their journey as they head to a Materials Recovery Facility and beyond on the county's website at <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dpwes/recycling/mrfintro.htm>. Eventually, they will end up back on store shelves ready for you to buy again. When you purchase items with recycled content, you are closing the loop. The "loop" refers to the continuous lifecycle of a product from production, consumption, recycling and remanufacturing into a new product. To see the types of items that are made from recycled materials visit <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dpwes/recycling/new-buyrecy.htm>.

Electric Sundays offer residents an opportunity to recycle televisions, computers and peripheral devices, including keyboards, speakers, printers, external drives and other such materials as well as unbroken fluorescent light bulbs and tubes. There is no charge for Fairfax County residents to participate in Electric Sunday, but you may be required to show proof of residency. All Electric Sunday events are held from 10:00 am – 3:00 pm and a schedule of events and locations is at <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dpwes/recycling/electric-sunday.htm>.

For a full list of household materials and how you may dispose of them, please visit <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dpwes/trash/disaccept-index.htm>.

## Contact Information During Emergencies

Fairfax County makes information available through a wide variety of sources during an emergency. You may find phone numbers and online access emergency contact information at <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/emergency/phonenumbers.htm>. Remember, during an emergency you may not have electronic access to this information so it may be prudent to have a hard copy readily available. You may want to store it with your other emergency supplies such as flashlights, batteries, and other items suggested at the website below to consider as you prepare for emergencies. You may also check current weather, road conditions and traffic before traveling at [www.511Virginia.org](http://www.511Virginia.org) or by calling 511.

Emergencies are just that and we don't always have notice that an event is about to occur. Every resident is responsible to make preparations in the event an emergency does occur. Some suggestions to consider are available at <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/emergency/>.

Please call this office if you need a hard copy of contact information to have available in advance of an emergency or to assist you in your preparations.



**Farmers Markets** across Fairfax County will open soon. These markets provide a great opportunity to purchase local fruits, vegetables, baked goods, plants and other items. The Farmers Market in Providence is located at Oak Marr RECenter, 3200

Jermantown Road in Oakton. It will open May 1<sup>st</sup> and run through November 13<sup>th</sup>. The market will be open Wednesdays from 8:00 am until noon and have a Master Gardener Plant Clinic on site to answer questions about plants in your landscape. Visit the Park Authority website at <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/wp-farm-mkt.htm> or call 703-642-0128 for directions and additional information on the Oak Marr Farmers Market and other Farmers Markets throughout Fairfax.



## Energy Action Fairfax

Why pay more for electricity, heating and cooling than you need to? Take steps to assess your home energy use and find ways to save energy. Helpful information including quick and easy tips on how to save energy every day, a do-it-yourself guide to help you make energy efficiency improvements, frequently asked questions about energy efficiency and information to help you understand your utility bills and energy meter is available at <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/energyactionfairfax/>.

## Damage Claims

Should your property be damaged as a result of an event for which Fairfax County may be responsible, you may submit a claim to the county's Division of Risk Management 24/7 through the county's website at <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/riskmgmt/citizenclaims/> or by calling the Risk Management Division at 703-324-3040 to receive a claims form. You must provide all relevant information including your name, address and phone number or email, date and location of incident, detailed description of loss and the name and relationship of person filing the report. If submitted by email, you will receive an email confirmation once the claim has been submitted and contacted within 2 business days by your claims adjuster.

### Protect yourself from Lyme Disease, West Nile Virus & other vector-borne diseases

- Take precautions to avoid mosquito & tick bites to reduce your risk of getting sick
- Use repellents containing DEET



- Remove sources of standing water from around your house
- Avoid tick-infested areas, such as overgrown grass and brush

For more information on the county's Disease Carrying Insect Program, please visit the Health Department's website at [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/hd/westnile/](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/hd/westnile/). Help fight the bite!



## Spring 2013 Update from Providence School Board Member Patricia Reed

Spring is just around the corner, a harbinger of changes and new beginnings. The same can be said for our school system. During this academic year, the School Board has addressed significant issues which will impact FCPS from the “top down” and we have done so with greater transparency and community involvement than at any time in the past. While I can only touch on the highlights in this letter, you have the opportunity to listen to the Board’s complete deliberation on every issue.

The School Board agreed to videotape our work sessions and to record our forum discussions, posting links to both on our website. Work sessions are the Board’s venue for in-depth discussions, with staff present to answer questions and supply additional information. Forums allow each member to raise issues for potential consideration by the full Board. If a majority agrees, the issues move forward to a work session. In the past, the only option to see or hear them was to attend the actual meetings. Now they are available with one click:

Work sessions: <http://www.fcps.edu/schlbd/video/videoarchive.shtml>.

Forum discussions: <http://www.boarddocs.com/vsba/fairfax/Board.nsf/Public>.

**SUPERINTENDENT SEARCH:** The School Board hired Hazard, Young, Attea & Associates (HYA) to assist with the search. In December, HYA met with community and staff members to gather input on the desired characteristics for a new superintendent and on January 30, 2013, the Board approved the final version of Desired Characteristics. As part of the search process, and to include the community, the Board created an 18-member committee composed of parents, staff, and community members to take part in the semifinalist candidate interviews. Based on the following timeline, the new Superintendent will be “on board” July 1, 2013.

**Fairfax HS and Lanier MS Boundary adjustment:** On January 24, the Board voted to conduct a boundary study to address overcrowding at Fairfax High School and Lanier Middle School. Unlike other boundary studies, this study would seek to share some of the over-enrollment with adjacent school pyramids. There is insufficient capacity at surrounding schools to fully address the 600 seat projected deficit but a reduction of approximately 300 students at Fairfax High and 150 students at Lanier Middle would offer partial relief. Students who reside in the City of Fairfax will not be impacted by the proposed boundary changes. Boundary adjustments are being considered only for middle and high schools; elementary school attendance areas will not change as a result of this boundary study.

### **Expansion of Advanced Academic Program (AAP) Centers**

The Board voted to open three new advanced academic program (AAP) centers in fall 2013 —at Lemon Road, Navy, and Westbriar Elementary Schools—to alleviate overcrowding at Haycock, Hunters Woods, and Louise Archer Elementary Schools. With the exception of the new AAP center at Lemon Road Elementary, rising fourth, fifth, and sixth grade students will be able to stay at their current AAP centers with transportation provided. The AAP center at Lemon Road will open in the fall with all rising third, fourth, and fifth grade AAP center eligible students. We are committed to providing a smooth and welcoming transition for our students and families, and will work closely with principals and administrators to ensure that is achieved.

Recognizing that it has been at least five years since we reviewed our Continuum of Advanced Academic Services, the Board directed the Superintendent to conduct an analysis to ensure current practices are aligned with best practices in K-12 gifted education. His report is to be submitted no later than June 30.

**BUDGET:** Last but definitely, not least, is the budget. The Board voted to adopt a \$2.5 billion Advertised Budget for FY2014, which is the first step in our budgeting process. We will be serving a projected enrollment greater than 184,000 students, and we face building condition and capacity issues throughout the county. I am pleased that we are undergoing a state efficiency review, and look forward to the suggestions for future cost savings. As we deliberate the values and priorities in the budget, I hope to relieve unnecessary burdens on our overworked teachers, and increase the competitiveness of our teacher salaries relative to neighboring jurisdictions.

I recognize that your tax dollars fund our schools and I remain determined to be a good steward of your resources. I encourage you to follow the latest news by reading our FCPS e-newsletter, The Bottom Line, and visiting the following link: <http://www.fcps.edu/news/fy2014.shtml>. And, I look forward to greeting you and hearing your recommendations at our March 6, 2013 budget presentation or via your emails. We will finalize our budget on May 23.

Contact me at **Patricia.Reed1@fcps.edu** with questions, suggestions, opinions -- or invitations to school and community events. I look forward to working with you for the benefit of our Providence District schools and community.



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## THE PROVIDENCE REPORT

### Must-Have Phone Numbers

**Providence District Supervisor Linda Q. Smyth**

Telephone: 703-560-6946 / Fax: 703-207-3541 / TTY: 711

Adult Protective Services: 703-324-7450/ Child Protective Services: 703-324-7400

Suicide Crisis Hotline: (703) 527-4077 Rape Crisis Hotline: 1-800-656-4673

<b>Adult Education</b>	703-658-1201	<b>Alcohol/drug abuse services</b>	703-359-7040
<b>Animal Shelter</b>	703-830-1100	<b>Child care</b>	703-324-8100
<b>Consumer Affairs</b>	703-222-8435	<b>Circuit Courts</b>	703-691-7320
<b>Dept. of Motor Vehicles</b>	804-497-7100	<b>I-66 Disposal Sites</b>	703-631-1179
<b>Emergency</b>	911	<b>Fastran</b>	703-222-9764
<b>Fire/rescue (non-emergency)</b>	703-691-2131	<b>Gang Unit-Police</b>	703-246-4567
<b>Human Services</b>	703-222-0880	<b>Library, Oakton</b>	703-242-4020
<b>Park Authority</b>	703-324-8700	<b>Police (non-emergency)</b>	703-691-2131
<b>Tax Information</b>	703-222-8234	<b>Recreation Classes</b>	703-324-5550
<b>Recycling InfoLine</b>	703-324-5052	<b>School-Age Child Care Program</b>	703-449-8989
<b>School Board</b>	571-423-1075	<b>Senior Citizen Information</b>	703-324-7948
<b>Traffic Tickets</b>	703-246-3764	<b>Trash Pick-up</b>	703-324-5230
<b>VDOT</b>	703-367-7623	<b>Voting Information</b>	703-222-0776

Please call 703-FAIRFAX (703-324-7329), TTY 711 for other county related information.

Copies of the 2007 Providence Resource Directory are available by calling the Providence District Supervisor's office and are also available on the Providence District Web site at [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/providence/Prov\\_News.htm](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/providence/Prov_News.htm) •



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